University of Idaho
Suggested Pre-PA Courses

Physician’s Assistant school admission requirements vary from school to school, and it is very important to verify the prerequisites for each school for which you plan to apply. For information about PA programs and requirements see the online PAEA Program Directory which includes admissions deadlines, entrance requirements, credentials awarded, tuition fees, financial aid, clinical affiliations, and other information.

The following is a list of common prerequisites or strongly recommended courses for most PA programs:

- **General Biology (requirement varies; check specific program requirements)**
  - Biol 115- Cells and the Evolution of Life (4cr.)
    Coreq: Chem 101 or Chem 111

- **Human Anatomy with lab**
  - Biology 120 – Human Anatomy (4cr., Fall only)

- **Physiology with lab**
  - Biology 121 – Human Physiology (4cr., Spring only)

- **General Chemistry with lab (2 semesters highly recommended)**
  - Chem. 111- Principles of Chemistry (4cr.)
    Prereq: min 560 SAT math or min 25 ACT math or min 49 COMPASS College Algebra, or a grade of ‘C’ or better in Chem 101, Math 143, Math 160, or Math 170; pass the Chemistry Fundamentals Exam or Permission
  - Chem. 112 – Principles of Chemistry II (5cr.)
    Prereq: Chem 111 or Permission

- **Organic Chemistry with lab (varies; check specific program requirements):**
  - Chem 275/276 – Carbon Compounds
    Prereq: Chem 101, 111, or Permission
  - Chem 277/278 – Organic Chem I + lab (3 cr. class + 1 cr. lab)
    Prereq: Chem 112

- **Psychology, such as:**
  - Psych 101 – Intro. To Psychology (4cr.)
  - Psych 311 – Abnormal Psych (3cr.) and/or
  - Psych 305 – Developmental Psychology (3cr.)

- **Statistics (1 semester)**
  - Stat 251 – Statistical Methods (3 cr.)
    Prereq: One of the following: Math 108, Math 137, Math 143, Math 160, Math 170, or Sufficient score on SAT, ACT, or COMPASS Math Test to qualify for registration in Math 130
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□ Microbiology with lab (one semester; check specific school requirements to verify if introductory course (Biol154/155) will fulfill requirement)
  • Biol154/155 Introductory Microbiology (3 cr. + 155-lab 1 cr., Spring only)
    -Or-
  • Biology 250/255 General Microbiology (3cr. + 255-lab 1cr., Fall only)
    Prereq: Chem 101 or Chem 111

□ Biochemistry (one semester)
  • Biol 300 – Survey of Biochemistry (3 cr., Fall only)
    Prereq: Chem 101 or Chem 111
    Coreq: Chem 275 or Chem 277
  • Biol 380 – Biochemistry I (Biol 382-lab, 2cr., Fall only) — some programs indicate lab is optional
    Prereq: Chem 112 and Chem 277

Additional courses that may be required or highly recommended include:
  □ Medical Terminology
  □ Genetics
  □ Biochemistry
  □ Immunology

Sample Prerequisite Sequence (please note that this is just a suggested sequence, and may not be ideal for every student)

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  • Chem 111 | **Semester 1:**  
  • Chem 277/278 | **Semester 1:**  
  • Biol 120  
  • Biol 300 or 380  
  • Biol 250/255 (if 154/155 not taken)  
  **Semester 2:**  
  • Biol 121  
  • Additional courses recommended by top choice programs |  
  ✓ GRE  
  ✓ Apply (CASPA opens in April) |  
  • Additional courses recommended by top choice programs  
  • Complete degree requirements  
  **PA school interviews** |